

VETERANS DAY — 1978

An Editorial

Veterans Day is an annual occasion to salute all the men and women from 1775 to the present whose services in uniform have been so vital to our country's growth, and more than once — its very survival.

The dedication of this day to all veterans properly focuses the Nation's attention in a true prospective.

The bare, stark truth is, that in the final analysis, it is not solely massive armies, navies, and air forces — or even industrial might — that wins wars. Rather, victories are won by men — lonely individuals, whose skills, courage, valor, determination, and sacrifices, establish the measure of our nation's strength.

While we can't recall it, there probably wasn't a moment of national relief like that experienced by America on the eleventh hour — of the eleventh day — of the eleventh month in 1918 — the World War I Armistice Day, which since World War II has been changed to Veterans Day, and is observed as a National Holiday.

After World War I, this sacred moment was observed throughout our schools, public offices and across our nation by moments of silence, and very appropriately at 11:00 a. m. School Children and Adults alike knew the true significance and meaning of these sacred moments.

It had been the "war to end all wars" — at least to Veterans and Americans. Great sacrifices had been made — Sons, Husbands, and Lovers didn't return — leaving gaping holes in many families. But, Perpetual Peace had been at last achieved! Yet this lasted just a little over 20 years.

On November 11th we also honor the men who died in another great World Conflict, World War II, in addition to those who paid the supreme sacrifice in Korea, Vietnam — and other so-called Police Actions along the Communist Frontiers.

This Veterans Day should remind us that as a nation, we have been subjected to periods of trial, peril, and despair — and we have endured! And yet, we now have leaders who are giving away some of our National assets as well as principles that we purchased fairly, earned, or fought for so valiantly — despite huge obstacles, pestilence, climate and disease, which could prove to be so vital to our very survival and defense. Yes, one of the biggest items on this list is: The Panama Canal, as well as our financial resources — and last but not least — our Own Freedoms!

We purchased the rights to this narrow strip of land in Panama fair and square. We carved out a "big ditch" that saved ships of all nationalities millions of miles of needless travel; saved millions of tons of potential energy in the line of fuels; and has been vital in the defense of our Nation by having the ability to unite or consolidate units of our Atlantic or Pacific Fleets — whenever the need arose, without having to travel thousands of miles around South America. Yet, it has been given away to a small country that certainly wouldn't be able to protect it in case of war.

"Teddy" Roosevelt is quoted as having once said: "Speak Softly — But Carry A Big Stick"! This bit of blunt advice has been ignored many times since its utterance by we "Easy Going Americans" — and has undoubtedly cost us billions of dollars, as well as the lives of many good citizens and soldiers.

We, as Good Americans, should do our utmost to see that "Our Big Stick" is in constant readiness so that the lives of all those brave men who died to preserve our Freedom — will not have been in vain!

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS BASIC TO ALL YOUR AMERICAN FREEDOMS! Only as your Newspaper is free to print the facts, can you be free to know them. Only as you know the facts, can you act wisely in the best interests of your Community, as you see them. In America, there is plenty of room for opinions. **THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH!**

Village Board Holds Regular Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the Village Office, Monday, October 9th at 7:30. Present: Ralph A. Allen, Mayor; Ann Appier, Howard McAndrew and Charles Dain, Trustees.

Minutes of the regular meeting held September 11th were read and approved on a motion made by Howard McAndrew and seconded by Ann Appier.

Minutes of the special meeting held September 25th were read and approved on a motion made by Ann Appier and seconded by Howard McAndrew.

Mayor Allen reported that East Ave., Barney St., and Grove St. have been completed and that the true and leveling course has been applied to East Greenwood St., and the final course will be put on as soon as the Gas Company has completed their repairs.

Mayor Allen gave a report as to the completion of the Water Line from the Springs. Engineers Gowdy & Hunt and a representative of Blades and Mayor Allen, inspected the new line and reported that the job was done to specifications and has been completed and is in operation. The final payment has been made. Copies of maps are on file in the Village Office and at the Sub-Station.

Moved by Charles Dain and seconded by Ann Appier, to accept the following Police Report for the month of September. Accidents 11, Assists to other Agencies 8, Burglary 1, Larceny 1, Miscellaneous Calls and Requests 68, Total Arrests (Traffic 2, Criminal 3, Village Ordinance 4), Court Appearances 8, Property Checks 2, Chief's hours 291, Patrolman Bissell 58 1/2, Litzburg 19 1/2, Mileage on Patrol Vehicle 75,950.

Leonard Coffin, owner of the silk mill on Rochambeau Avenue was present to offer the Village antique machines from the silk mill which he feels should be preserved, for future generations.

Moved by Howard McAndrew and seconded by Charles Dain, to return all unopened merchandise to Share Corp.

Correspondence was read from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in regards to Andover's Pre-Application for single purpose grant funds under the Small Cities Program for Non-Metropolitan Areas, stating that the Department cannot fund our pre-application for small cities program. 133 pre-applications were submitted which exceeded the Buffalo Area allocation.

An estimate of Landfill costs from the Village of Wellsville was read. The Village of Andover share will be \$1,624.71 due to the credit due, per resolution dated 7-77-77 of \$3,000.00.

Abstract No. 5 of 78/79 was audited and approved for payment in the following amounts: General \$4,888.80, Water \$1,562.85 and Electric \$8,205.76.

This concluded the business and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: 11/15/78.

JOAN C. DIBBLE, Clerk

Jericho Hill Snowmobile Club Elect New Officers

The regular meeting of the Jericho Hill Snowmobile Club was held at the Alfred Rod & Gun Club on Sunday, November 5, 1978.

The following were elected to office for the 1978-1979 season: President, Doug Gilbert; Vice President, Raymond Goodridge.

Secretary, Norma Preston; Treasurer, Geneva Stoppel; Director, Carl Cornell.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, December 3, 1978 at 7:00 p. m., at the same place.

Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to attend this meeting.

Virginia R. Cornell, Outgoing Secretary, R.D. 1, Andover, New York 14806



Lion James Bliss (r), District 20E-1 hearing and speech action chairman, presents Harold Joyce, Andover Lions Club hearing chairman, with the Club Service Award that was sent to the Andover Lions Club by Lions International for extraordinary Philanthropic service in hearing and speech. Photo by Dale Green

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Frank Hubbard, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital, has been discharged.

Mrs. Louise Bridge, a patient in Jones Memorial Hospital was discharged Monday.

Mrs. Milton Gee, was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital, Tuesday.

Mrs. Edna Perry was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital, Tuesday.

Mrs. Virgie Norton was admitted to Jones Memorial Hospital, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green To Be Feted On 50th Anniversary

You are cordially invited to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green on Sunday, November 26, 1978 from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. at the Andover Fire Hall.

Golden Age Club News

The Andover Golden Age Club will meet Monday, November 20th at 12 o'clock at the Masonic Temple, where the Eastern Star is putting on the Thanksgiving Dinner for the Club.

Hope to see a good crowd out.

Ecumenical Youth Fellowship To Meet

The Andover Ecumenical Youth Fellowship meets this Sunday night at 8:30 at the United Methodist Church in the Social Hall.

Toys For Tots Phase I

The first phase of the Andover Lions Club "Toys For Tots" Christmas Program has been announced by Lion President Al Cornell.

Picked for General Chairman was Lion Frank Cahill. Lion Cahill requests that anyone wishing to donate good used (or new) Christmas Toys may do so by dropping them off at any one of the following collection points: Anita's Beauty Shop; D & L Feeds; or The Andover News, or call 478-8636 for home pickup.

All Toys collected will be inspected and reconditioned where necessary and made available for distribution to needy children during the Christmas Season.

Thanksgiving Service To Be Held At First Baptist Church Wednesday Night

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held in the Andover First Baptist Church on Wednesday night, November 22, at 7:30. Father Francis Zmoyzinski, of the Blessed Sacrament R. C. Church, will be the guest speaker.

The clergy of the Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches, Rev. John Baxter and Rev. A. Howard Gabriel, will participate in the Worship Service. The Rev. Raymond MacCumber, minister of the host church, will conduct the service.

Not only the people of the participating Andover churches, but also the public are invited, to give Thanks to God for their blessings.

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